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Had half-hour interview with Prince Faisal Wednesday morning (June 3) to present Armin Meyer who is visiting Jidda. Sought occasion also to present sectional maps of al-Kharj area which were prepared by the Department of Defense Army Map Service.

Faisal was obviously pleased with courtesy call and with maps. He said, "We Saudis badly need such maps on which to base our future projects for country. We must make more use our oil and mineral resources. At the moment we are discussing with Aramco the question of certain oil wells which have been capped and are not producing". I told Faisal that when this mapping project, costs of which were met by Aramco and US Government, was completed it would cost some \$3 million and when completed Saudi Arabia would have better maps than the US.

In answer to Meyer's compliments and praise for Faisal's personality and political astuteness especially as evidenced at Beirut Arab League conference, Faisal discoursed on Arab-American relations.

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As I was leaving he said with a smile, "Also, we hope to begin payments on our debt to you this year".

COMMENT:

[] was present interview and told me in the evening at my house that he was delighted with audience. [] is very friendly to the U. S. and feels that Faisal spoke with sincere and frank friendliness. B1(a)(5)

Faisal was in unusually good spirits and cracked several jokes during the course of the interview. He insisted on helping to unwrap the maps himself, which is unusual. B1(a)(5)

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